

line 24, delete "1996".

Page 5, line 7, delete "prior"; and

line 8, delete "Application No. 08/840,548" and substitute
--5,897,560--.

IN THE CLAIMS:

Cancel claims 1 and 4-12.

Claim 2, line 1, delete "1" and substitute --13--.

Claim 3, line 1, delete "1" and substitute --13--.

Add the following new claim:

1 ~~--13.~~ A femoral prosthesis, comprising:
a femoral stem tapered from a proximal end to a distal end thereof,
said stem having a substantially oval-shaped cross-section along its length
except for a waist portion located substantially midway between the proximal
and distal ends of the prosthesis, said waist portion including a twist of
substantially 90° whereby major axes of oval cross-sections on opposite sides
of the waist portion are disposed at an angle of substantially 90° with respect
to one another.--